

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 10 as follows:

That is, according to the first embodiment, referring to Fig. 5B, ~~referring to Fig. 5B,~~ light-emitting time t_a and $[[T_b]]$ t_b are constant and, however, the light-emitting amount L1 and L2 are sequentially changed and emitted. Further, the light-emitting amount L1 is emitted only for the light-emitting time t_a and then light emission stops. Next, an image pick-up time T_a until the light emission with the light-emitting amount L2 is the same as the image pick-up time T_b for a time period for which the light-emitting amount L2 is emitted only for a light-emitting time t_b , then, the light emission stops, and the light-emitting amount L1 is emitted.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 10 as follows:

The image data picked up with the different amount of illuminating light is recorded (stored) in the recording means 9 and $[[a]]$ medical $[[stuff]]$ ~~staff including~~ (e.g., an operator) uses the image data with preferable image quality for the diagnosis or the like.